



**Comptroller General
of the United States**

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The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV, Chairman
The Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States Senate

The Honorable G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, Chairman
The Honorable Bob Stump, Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
House of Representatives

As you know, 38 U.S.C. 8110(a)(4) requires that we report on several actions the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is required to take in response to each law making appropriation to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Specifically, he must

- authorize VA to employ not less than the number of employees for which funds were appropriated in its medical care, medical and prosthetic research, and medical administration and miscellaneous operating expenses accounts;
- provide VA with funds appropriated for these employees; and
- certify these actions to the Comptroller General and the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs not later than 30 days after the President signed the appropriation law.

On September 30, 1993, the President signed Public Law 103-88, which provided for continuing appropriations for VA through October 21, 1993. On October 21, 1993, he signed Public Law 103-113, which extended the continuing appropriations through October 28, 1993.

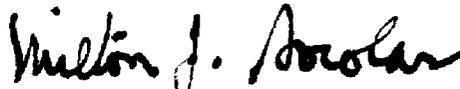
The OMB Director provided a written certification on October 29, 1993, that addressed the above appropriation acts. He certified that OMB provided to VA (1) all personnel funds for the three medical accounts and (2)

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employment authorizations consistent with fiscal year 1994 funding levels for these accounts.

Our review of OMB's compliance with 38 U.S.C. 8110(a)(4), with respect to each of the cited public laws, included discussions with VA and OMB officials and a review of documents they provided. We found that

- OMB provided the correct amount of personnel funds to the three VA medical accounts;
- OMB provided employment authorizations based on the provisions of VA's fiscal year 1994 appropriation acts; and
- the Director of OMB provided his written certification within 30 days of the date the President signed Public Law 103-88, the earliest of the appropriations acts, as required by 38 U.S.C. 8110(a)(4).

for 
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